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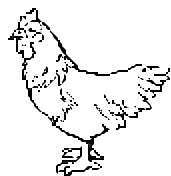
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were higher in the East, elsewhere irregular, but mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, overall mostly steady. Retail demand was fair at best with few features, and food service covered the full range. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow to moderate. Wings were barely adequate to tight and in the strongest position. Tenders were also in short supply and moving, but all other breast items were adequate to ample and slow to clear. Dark meat was at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/16/02-09/21/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	(Includes branded product)	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		WTD AVG			
Bos/New Eng	51.00-52.00	51.69	13	54.93	33
Chicago	45.00-48.00	48.75	41	50.60	80
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.22	16
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	62.61	9
Denver	68.50	68.49	17	66.00	23
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.64	11	53.66	42
Los Angeles	69.00	66.65	68	63.36	151
New York	49.00-52.00	51.08	24	53.23	57
Philadelphia	49.50-51.00	50.36	11	50.10	25
Pittsburgh	50.00-52.00	50.83	12	55.92	59
St. Louis	47.00-48.00	47.47	20	49.37	42
San Francisco	69.50	68.40	30	69.61	51

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	09/16/02	Change/Last Wk	09/09/02	09/17/01
588	56.69	0.28	56.41	62.08

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	52.50-54.00	53.78	34
Central	49.00-57.00	53.65	65
West	47.00-58.00	57.48	50

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-64.00	63.59	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,177	45.00-66.50	62.70

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.00	1,367
BREASTS - B/S	157.50	4,883
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,175
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	886
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	9,310
WINGS	55.00	3,227

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was fair entering the week as dealers adopted a cautious and selective posture. Offerings ranged adequate to balanced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Tenderloins continued to clear well. Wings were no more than adequate to at times short of full needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was light to instances moderate where retail ads and fast food promotions were present. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings remained firm with supplies short of a very active call. Breast items were at least adequate and slow to clear, however, tenders were better balanced and moving. Dark meat was available and received increased interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Reported trading for this week's deliveries were at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at unchanged to mainly lower prices. Offerings were ample for trade needs. Buying interest improved somewhat by attractive discount levels but was moderate overall. Demand was fairly good where features in progress or planned elsewhere only moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone on parts mixed with leg quarters in the strongest position. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 19-22 and 4/10s 21.25-25, bone in breast 80-92 and boneless 147-153. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down 2.58 at 49.99 with the volume reported up 14 percent to 33 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were generally unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers were somewhat limited for the light buyer interest. Movement into all channels was irregular, mostly slow to fair at best. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were desirable. Trading on parts was tapering and spotty, best for tenders and wings. Supplies were barely adequate to tight on tenders, adequate to balanced on wings, adequate on leg quarters and ample on remaining breast items. Market tone on tenders and wings was steady to firm, leg quarters steady, all other items barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, an active buying interest centered on tight supplies of wings and tenders. Other cuts were at least adequate with breast items generally noted as ample and slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	49-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.91
NO. OF BOXES	10,015

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to fairly good over the weekend, but was only noted as fair at best entering the week as dealers assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate and discounted to stimulate interest. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Tenderloins were clearing well. Wings were no more than adequate to instances tight. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, fully steady on tenderloins, barely steady to weak on breast items and steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	148.43	396,600
TENDERLOINS	125-130	133.35	123,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	84.63	177,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	77.54	149,800
LEGS	31-32	33.57	173,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.04	529,679
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	29.85	105,790
THIGHS	19-20	29.42	51,540
B/S THIGHS	60-61	62.84	54,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	64.17	195,310
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.33	24,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	24.69	20,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	59.00	28,880

INCLUDES NY CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,160	125.00-145.00	133-135	133.31
TENDERLOINS	92	131.00-134.00	-	133.61
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	760	15.00-17.00	15-15.5	15.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,960	15.00-18.00	16-17	16.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	320	48.00-51.00	50-51	49.75
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
THIGHS	1,600	14.00-16.00	15	15.00

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/16	09/12	09/12	09/09	09/05
ALA	4,113	4,101	4.94	3976	5.04
ARK	5,367	4,224	4.97	5370	4.94
DELMARVA	2,295	2,356	5.07	1942	5.05
KY-LA-TN	1,968	2,015	4.25	2027	4.57
MISS	2,982	2,880	5.10	2878	5.25
NC	2,675	2,673	5.88	2619	5.92
TEXAS	2,455	2,472	4.85	2454	4.79
TOTAL	21,855	20,721	5.03	21266	5.08
MON	21,855(A)			21266(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Sep 2002 is estimated to be 32,698,000 up 2.46 percent from a week ago and up 5.45 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,912,000 last year 31,008,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	901	135.00-219.00	139-145	142.64
TENDERLOINS	141	125.00-190.00	125-130	142.58
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	79.00-87.00	80-84	82.44
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	357	15.00-18.00	16	15.98
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,295	18.00-26.00	18-20	19.73
WINGS (WHOLE)	313	55.00-61.00	55-56	56.31
WINGS (CUT)	479	68.00-81.00	68-70	72.18
DRUMSTICKS	67	34.00-47.00	-	35.40
THIGHS	29	32.00-44.00	-	35.22
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEP 16, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.75 - 44.00	42.06	43.55

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 16-SEP - 20-SEP-2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	133.00 - 155.00	135.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	75.00 - 103.00	79.00 - 84.00
LEGS	19.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 21.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	18.00 - 36.00	-
THIGHS	16.00 - 32.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	48.00 - 65.00	53.00 - 56.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-89
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	-
FROZEN DUCKS	-
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-95
	DRY PACK 96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 94-98
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

13-SEP-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-17.00	13.50	954,000	474,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.10	13.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-15.00	10.00-15.00	1,420,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.40	12.43		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged, however the weighted average dropped lower when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate with schedules at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-SEP-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11.75	8-9	8.58

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

13-SEP-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	14.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-15.00	11.00-14.00	1,583,600	734,400
WTD AVERAGE	11.41	11.70		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies cleared satisfactorily and were generally adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
	CENTS/LB.			
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10.5	8-9	8.26	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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